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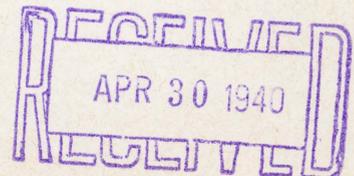
Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

I did not like the content of the letter Secretary Ickes sent to you and I have written him a letter, a copy of which is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

Joseph B. Cowan
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Hon. Harold L. Ickes
Secretary of Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

You have figuratively "evacuated in your mess kit" by your accusations against Mr. Amon G. Carter and his intentions against President Roosevelt.

You will remember that Mr. Carter was as strong for a Garner-for-President ticket in 1932 as he is in 1940, but that has not hampered his loyalty to President Roosevelt. Texas Democrats have been loyal to the administration and in that loyalty are now in favor of a Garner presidential ticket for 1940. The Young Democrats and other real Texas Democratic leaders favor Mr. Garner as their presidential candidate for 1940. They are not against President Roosevelt--they are FOR Mr. Garner--you see there is an obvious difference which is in itself consistent with Democratic loyalty.

As far as your self admission: "I have gone to Texas bearing gifts--rich gifts. . ." is a revelation that you are using New Deal funds for political motives. These rich gifts were deservedly given Texas because the tax money of the nation belongs to the citizens of the nation of whom Texans are a large part.

Mr. Carter has been "head stallion" at the lead for many years in Texas and particularly so in this vast domain of West Texas. Any accusations directed toward him are personally rejected by his many loyal friends throughout Texas because they know what he has done for this state and nation. Your influence in Texas can only be superficial because the people do not look on government grants as YOUR gifts but as tax money rightfully and judiciously dispensed.

We think that you have misused the phrase, "pie counter." Surely it will be Mr. Carter's privilege and the patriotic duty of every Texan to see that the next administration, whether it be Roosevelt, Garner, Dewey, John L. Lewis or Black-and-Tan, spends an equitable share of the federal tax money in this state. If you have made a pie counter out of federal allotments, we hope that the next administration will remedy the situation for the best interests of governmental efficiency.

Very truly yours,
Joseph B. Cowan
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